

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A receptacle comprising:
 - 2 a base;
 - 3 a passage having an end portion, the passage in
 - 4 communication with the base;
 - 5 wherein the end portion further comprises:
 - 6 a slot provided on a side of the end portion; and
 - 7 a closed top.
- 1 2. The receptacle of Claim 1, wherein the slot is configured to
- 2 receive cigarettes.
- 1 3. The receptacle of Claim 2, wherein the slot has a width of less
- 2 than one half inch.
- 1 4. The receptacle of Claim 3, wherein the slot has a length of less
- 2 than two and one half inches.
- 1 5. The receptacle of Claim 1, wherein the slot has a width of at
- 2 least one quarter inch.
- 1 6. The receptacle of Claim 1, wherein the slot is configured to
- 2 receive cigars.
- 1 7. A receptacle comprising:
 - 2 a base having an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein
 - 3 the upper portion has at least a first width, and the lower portion has at
 - 4 least a second width, and wherein the second width is substantially equal
 - 5 to or wider than the first width;

6 a passage having an end portion, the passage in
7 communication with the base;
8 wherein the end portion further comprises:
9 a slot provided on a side of the end portion; and
10 a closed top.

1 8. The receptacle of Claim 7, wherein the base has a base height,
2 and the ratio of the base height to the second width is at least 1:1.

1 9. The receptacle of Claim 7, wherein the receptacle has a
2 receptacle height, and the ratio of the receptacle height to the second
3 width is at least 3:1.